

To: Brewer City Council; Brewer City Manager; Councilor Jerry W. Goss; Councilor Joseph Ferris; Councilor Kevin O'Connell; Deputy Mayor Beverly Uhlenhake; Mayor Matthew Vachon; Eddington Board of Selectman and Town Manager; Carol Woodcock / U.S. Senator Susan Collins; Elizabeth Montgomery Schneider MacTaggart / U.S. Senator Angus King; Representative Arthur Verow - District #128; Representative Peter Lyford - District #129; Senator Kim Rosen - District #8;

<http://bangordailynews.com/2015/01/12/politics/lepage-to-unveil-2-billion-three-year-work-plan-for-maine-transportation-projects/>

<http://maine.gov/mdot/projects/workplan/docs/2015/WorkPlan2015-2016-2017.pdf>

I see no mention of the I-395/Route 9 Connector in the new 2015-2017 Work Plan, however, these work plans are amended as necessary.

The chart on page xv shows an \$18 Million increase in the Average Annual \$ Shortfall from the 2014-2016 work plan of \$101 million:

Core Highway and Bridge Programs CY 2015-2016-2017 Work Plan vs. Need (\$ Millions)				
Work Group	Average Annual \$ from 2015-2016-2017 Work Plan	Annual \$ Needed to Meet Basic Statutory Goals	Average Annual \$ Shortfall	Dollar % Shortfall*
Bridge Capital & Preservation	\$70	\$140	(\$70)	(50%)
Highway Reconstruction/Rehab	\$93	\$100	(\$7)	(7%)
Pavement Preservation	\$78	\$120	(\$42)	(35%)
Light Capital Paving	\$28	\$28	\$0	0%
<b>Total - Core Programs</b>	<b>\$269</b>	<b>\$388</b>	<b>(\$119)</b>	<b>(31%)</b>

In summary—the need for sustainable, predictable capital funding will continue to be the major transportation policy challenge facing the nation and our state for the foreseeable future.

Now be a good time to put the I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study to rest; the \$61 million that could be saved by scrapping this project, a project where the preferred alternative does not even meet the original study purpose and needs, would help fund the unmet transportation needs of this state at a time when this state now faces a documented \$357 million shortfall in the Core Highway and Bridge program...